



1994 NEWSLETTER

KILKENNY - MARCH

Dear Member

Well it's that time of year again and as you can see from the enclosed rally details, we have been busy. A great many people have been in touch with Melo to say that they are coming, so the outlook appears to be good for a successful gathering. It is sad to re-late that a number of familiar faces will be missing this year: John Butler, a most faithful member of the committee; Vere Butler-Harte of South Africa and Miss Naomi Overend who was one of our oldest members.

Madrid Rally 3 - 6 June 1993

Our honoured secretary with friends journeyed to Spain for this well attended event. Thelma Gillott has written an account which appears in the journal. Perhaps other regions will be eager to emulate Spain's example.

Society gathering, Carrick-on Suir, 11 September 1993

Over eighty people attended this event which was very gratifying. Mr. John Bradley's lecture on Black Tom's manor house, was enthusiastically received. This was followed by a tour of the castle and the town. Then I gave a talk on the said Earl's court career and the day ended with a reception in the courtyard. Thanks are due to the OPW and to Michael Coady and the Carrick-on-Suir Heritage Group.

New Zealand Tour of Ireland and Great Britain - April / May 1993

The Rev. Noel Butler brought a party of Butler Society members from New Zealand. We met them here in Kilkenny for tea and drinks at Rothe House. Hopefully, we will have a good turn-out from New Zealand in the Autumn.

Kilkenny Castle restoration

The newly restored apartments, which includes the drawingrooms, opened to the public on 17 March last. The next phase will include the accommodation which is to be made available to the society as their headquarters.

North American Region

This region recently sponsored the publication of *A Thing Done Well*, by Richard C. Plater, Jr., being a historical account of Thomas Butler and his decendants, in the 18th and 19th centuries. Thomas Butler hailed from Coolkenna, otherwise Aghade, in County Carlow.

Hoping to see you all in September,

Yours sincerely,

John Kirwan

on behalf of The Butler Society Committee.

T.G.M. - THURSDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 1994

AGENDA

Minutes of triennial meeting 1991

Matters arising

Chairman's report.

Secretary's report

Treasurer's report

Editor's report

Election of officers and committee.

Appointment of auditor

Regional report.

Resolution: Amendment to rule 3 as proposed by the Hon. John Butler

The appropriate subscriptions for the membership of the Society shall be such sums as shall from time to time be determined by the Society in General Meeting, provided that no subscription shall be payable by Honorary Members.

The present annual subscription for each Ordinary Member is £7.00. No new life subscriptions will for the time being, be enrolled.

All subscriptions shall be paid in advance on or before the first day of January in each year: the Committee shall have the power to declare that any member whose subscription has been due and remains unpaid on the first day of May in any year shall cease to be a member of the Society.

Capitation Fee

Any other business